PITITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME Docket No.: ABB1207P1170US

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Group Art Unit: 1634 Examiner: Jeanine Anne Goldberg

Applicant(s): P.A. Billing-Medel et al.

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Invention:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of February 5, 2004 in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached Response timely.

Reagents and Methods Useful for Detecting Diseases of The Gastrointestinal Tract

Extension Fee For Response Within:	First Month		Second Month		Third Month		Fourth Month	
Large Entity:		\$110.00		\$420.00	⊠	\$950.00		\$1,480.00
Small Entity:		\$55.00		\$210.00		\$475.00		\$740.00

- A check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.
- □ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0785. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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